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used in curries. (Adapted from The Philippine Agricultural Review, vol. 10, p. 16.)

FRANCOA SONCHIFOLIA (Saxifragaceae), 56909. From Nice, France. Seeds presented by Dr. A. Robertson Proschowsky. A rather shrubby ornamental about 3 feet high, with bright-green, downy, wavy-margined leaves, and handsome lilac-colored flowers in long, erect, spikelike racemes. The plant is native to Chile. (Adapted from Curtis's Botanical Magazine, pl. 3309.)

ILEX sp. (Aquifoliceae), 57085. **Holly**. From Ichang, China. Seeds presented by Albert S. Cooper, American Church Mission. "A small-leaved holly collected on the mountains back of Patung, Hupeh, at altitudes of 6,000 to 8,000 feet." (Cooper.)

IPOMOEA BATATAS (Convolvulaceae), 56920, 56997, 56998, 57002, 57004, 57007, 57011. **Sweet potato**. From St. Croix, Virgin Islands. Seeds presented by J. B. Thompson, agronomist in charge, Agricultural Experiment Station. Quoted notes by Mr. Thompson.

56920. "No. 7. A 'Big Wig' seedling. The vine is 3 to 4 feet in length. It is very leafy and covers the ground completely with a dense leafy mass. The leaves are green, broadly shouldered and lanceolate. The roots are red."

56997. "No. 2. 'Big Wig' variety. It is not known whence this variety came. It was obtained by the Station from Estate Strawberry Hill in 1920 or 1921 and has since been grown continuously at the Station. It is of bunching vineless growth and bears many dark-green deeply cut, 5-lobed leaves. The original form as obtained by the Station has red tubers. The seed collected has all been from the ordinary 'Big Wig.'"

56998. "No. 1. 'Black Rock' variety. This was introduced from Barbados by Dr. Longfield Smith, of this Station, in 1911, and is undoubtedly the most popular variety grown in St. Croix. The vines are vigorous, bearing dark-green, cordate leaves. The tubers which are long and often ill shaped are dark purplish red and attain a large size under favorable conditions. The variety has the reputation of keeping longer in storage than other varieties."

57002. "No. 2. 'Hug-me-tight' variety. A few tubers of this variety were purchased on the St. Thomas Market in May, 1922, under the above name. The tubers were said to have been grown on the Island of Tortola, a British Island some miles off the east coast of St. Thomas. The tubers are white."

57004. "No. 2. 'John Siddon' variety. A few tubers of this variety were obtained at the same time and came from the same source as those of 'Hug-me-tight' (S. P. I. No. 57001 and 57002) which were